

§ 8.250 Acceptance of standards and functions delegated under existing regulations.

(a) Classification society class rules will only be accepted as equivalent to Coast Guard regulatory standards when that classification society has received authorization to conduct a related delegated function.

(b) A recognized classification society may not conduct any delegated function under this title until it receives a separate written authorization from the Commandant to conduct that specific function.

§ 8.260 Revocation of classification society recognition.

A recognized classification society which fails to maintain the minimum standards established in this part will be reevaluated and its recognized status revoked if warranted.

Subpart C—International Convention Certificate Issuance**§ 8.300 Purpose.**

This subpart establishes options for vessel owners and operators to obtain required international convention certification through means other than those prescribed elsewhere in this chapter.

§ 8.310 Applicability.

This subpart applies to:

(a) Recognized classification societies; and

(b) All U.S. flag vessels that are certificated for international voyages and are classed by a recognized classification society that is authorized by the Coast Guard to issue the applicable international certificate as specified in this subpart.

§ 8.320 Classification society authorization to issue international certificates.

(a) The Commandant may authorize a recognized classification society to issue certain international convention certificates. Authorization will be based on review of:

(1) Applicable class rules; and

(2) Applicable classification society procedures.

(b) The Coast Guard may delegate issuance of the following international convention certificates to a recognized classification society:

(1) International Load Line Certificate;

(2) International Tonnage Certificate (1969);

(3) SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate;

(4) SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate;

(5) International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk;

(6) International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Liquefied Gases in Bulk;

(7) International Maritime Organization (IMO) Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Safety Certificate;

(8) MARPOL 73/78 International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate; and

(9) MARPOL 73/78 International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk.

(c) The Coast Guard will enter into a written agreement with a recognized classification society authorized to issue international convention certificates. This agreement will define the scope, terms, conditions and requirements of that delegation. Conditions of these agreements are presented in § 8.130.

§ 8.330 Termination of classification society authority.

(a) The Coast Guard may terminate an authorization agreement with a classification society if:

(1) The Commandant revokes the classification society's recognition, as specified in § 8.260; or

(2) The classification society fails to comply with the conditions of the authorization agreement as specified in § 8.130.

(b) In the event that a flag administration of a country changes conditions related to the authority that is delegated to ABS, the Commandant may modify or revoke the Coast Guard's authorization of that classification society that has its headquarters in that country.